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- (1) A disability must be certified annually in a written statement by a competent medical authority. However, if the disability is a lifelong condition, then a one-time certification statement is required. Certification statements must include at a minimum:
- (i) A written statement by a competent medical authority stating that special accommodation is necessary;
- (ii) An approximate duration of the special accommodation; and
- (iii) A recommendation as to the suitable class of transportation accommodations based on the disability.
- (2) A special need must be certified annually in writing according to your agency's procedures. However, if the special need is a lifelong condition, then a one-time certification statement is required;
- (3) If you are authorized under §301–13.3(a) of this Subchapter to have an attendant accompany you, your agency may also authorize the attendant to use other than coach-class accommodations if you require the attendant's services en route;
- (c) When exceptional security circumstances require other than coachclass rail accommodations. Exceptional security circumstances are determined by your agency and should only be authorized to the minimum other than coach-class accommodation necessary to meet the agency's mission. These circumstances include, but are not limited to:
- (1) Use of coach-class accommodations would endanger your life or Government property;
- (2) You are an agent on protective detail and you are accompanying an individual authorized to use other than coach-class accommodations; or
- (3) You are a courier or control officer accompanying controlled pouches or packages;
- (d) Coach-class accommodations on an authorized/approved foreign rail carrier do not provide adequate sanitation or health standards; or
- (e) When required because of agency mission, consistent with your agency's internal procedures pursuant to §301–70.102(i).

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§ 301–10.163 What is an extra-fare train?

A train that operates at an increased fare due to the extra performance of the train (*i.e.*, faster speed or fewer stops).

§ 301-10.164 When may I use extra-fare train service?

You may use extra-fare train service whenever your agency determines it is more advantageous to the Government or is required for security reasons. Extra-fare train service is considered to be a class above the lowest class offered on any particular train and must be authorized/approved as provided in § 301–10.162.

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SHIP

§ 301-10.180 Must I travel by a U.S. flag ship?

Yes, when a U.S. flag ship is available unless the necessity of the mission requires the use of a foreign ship. (See 46 U.S.C. App. Sec. 1241.)

§ 301–10.181 What is my liability if I improperly use a foreign ship?

You are required to travel by U.S. flag ship for the entire trip, unless use of a foreign ship has been authorized by your agency. Any cost that is attributed to improper or unauthorized use of a foreign ship is your responsibility.

[FTR Amdt. 70, 63 FR 15955, Apr. 1, 1998; 63 FR 35537, June 30, 1998]

§ 301-10.182 What classes of ship accommodations are available?

Accommodations on ships vary according to deck levels.

- (a) Other than lowest first-class—All classes above the lowest first-class, includes but is not limited to a suite.
- (b) Lowest first-class—The least expensive class of reserved accommodations available on a ship.

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§ 301–10.183 What class of ship accommodations must I use?

You must use the lowest first-class accommodations when traveling by